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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART Flight Test Status - 4 April

1. Aircraft #123 made flight #61 on 4 April for a duration of one hour and twenty-five minutes with a Lockheed test pilot at the controls. The purpose of the flight was to test the Perkin-Elmer camera system. The camera functioned satisfactorily for two target runs. The aircraft landing was routine with normal drag chute deployment.

2. Aircraft #123 made flight #62 on 4 April for a duration of one hour and eight minutes with a Lockheed test pilot at the controls. The purpose was to fly the Perkin-Elmer camera for a second flight this date. Again the camera runs were satisfactory. The landing was routine with normal drag chute deployment.

3. Aircraft #124 (trainer) made flight #53 on 4 April for a duration of one hour and fifty-five minutes with an Agency pilot at the controls. The purpose was a training flight for this pilot. The pilot made a normal takeoff and climb, made visual rendezvous with KC-135 tanker and accomplished eight dry (no fuel transfer) contacts. Three contacts were made using emergency boom latching. The pilot returned to [   ] made one touch and go and one full step landing. The drag chute deployed ahead of schedule.

4. Aircraft #124 made flight #54 on 4 April for a duration of one hour and fifty-five minutes. The purpose was a training flight for two Agency pilots with night flight training an ancillary objective. The takeoff and climb of the aircraft was made at twilight and fifteen dry contacts and three contacts with an emergency boom latching were made with a KC-135 tanker. The landing was routine with fast drag chute deployment.

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